

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: 5/18/05

Division: BOCC1

Bulk Item: Yes ☐ No ☐

Department: BOCC1

Staff Contact Person: Jana Johnson-Willi

AGENDA ITEM WORDING: Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida beseeching the Florida Department of Transportation to eliminate most if not all of the dynamic message sign structures by using roadside signs with flashing lights to be activated only as needed and to reduce overall the signs on US 1 in the Florida Keys.

ITEM BACKGROUND:

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

TOTAL COST: _____

BUDGETED: Yes ☐ No ☐

COST TO COUNTY: _____

SOURCE OF FUNDS: _____

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes ☐ No ☐ **AMOUNT PER MONTH** _____ **Year** _____

APPROVED BY: County Atty _____ OMB/Purchasing _____ Risk Management _____

DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL: _____
Dixie M. Spehar
Dixie M. Spehar, Mayor

DOCUMENTATION: Included ☐ Not Required ☐

DISPOSITION: _____

AGENDA ITEM # _____

RESOLUTION NO. ____-2005

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA, BESEECHING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ELIMINATE MOST IF NOT ALL OF THE DYNAMIC MESSAGE SIGN STRUCTURES BY USING ROADSIDE SIGNS WITH FLASHING LIGHTS TO BE ACTIVATED ONLY AS NEEDED AND TO REDUCE OVERALL THE SIGNS ON US HIGHWAY 1 IN THE FLORIDA KEYS.

WHEREAS, the Florida Department Of Transportation, District Six has commenced installation of an Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Project on the "Eighteen-Mile Stretch" leading into the Florida Keys on US Highway 1; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department Of Transportation, District Six will soon begin installation of an Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Project on the remainder of US Highway 1 in Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission for Monroe County recognizes that the monitoring of traffic on US Highway 1 throughout the Florida Keys and provision of timely information to motorists as to traffic delays is a valuable service to both the community and to tourists; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission finds that the overhead sign structures are an unsightly intrusion on the natural environment and aesthetic features of the Keys; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission finds that the efforts of the County and municipalities therein to curtail the negative impacts of signage on the scenic vistas of the Keys would be contravened by the installation of the ITS project as planned; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission finds that overhead messages are likely to generate inadvertent traffic congestion and possible rear-end collisions as some motorists slow to read the signs; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission finds from numerous complaints of the residents, including comments printed in the local newspapers, that the numerous large signs, including signs with blinking lights, within the fenced area of Big Pine Key are a blight on the natural scenery; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission finds that there are alternatives to the proposed plan which can provide the critical traffic messages;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY THAT:

1. The Florida Department Of Transportation, District Six, is hereby requested to:
 - A. Consider eliminating most, if not all, of the dynamic message sign structures in the Florida Keys;
 - B. Consider using signs on the side of the road with flashing lights which can be activated when traffic conditions warrant, and which signs direct motorists to tune in to a certain radio station for the traffic message; and
 - C. Review all existing FDOT signs on US 1 to determine if any can be eliminated and thereafter remove such signs from US 1.
2. This Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its adoption herein.
3. The Clerk shall send copies of this Resolution to Representative Ken Sorensen, Secretary José Abreu of the Florida Department Of Transportation (FDOT), FDOT District Six Secretary John Martinez and Director of Operations Gus Pego, as well as the FDOT District Six Project Manager Dori Vorce and Traffic Operations Engineer Rory Santana.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida at a regular meeting of said board held on May 18, 2005.

Mayor Spehar _____
Mayor Pro Tem McCoy _____
Commissioner Nelson _____
Commissioner Neugent _____
Commissioner Rice _____

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
MONROECOUNTY, FLORIDA

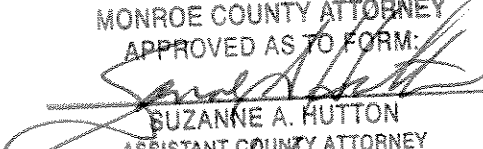
(SEAL)

ATTEST:

DANNY L. KOLHAGE, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

By: _____
MAYOR DIXIE M. SPEHAR

MONROE COUNTY ATTORNEY
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

SUZANNE A. HUTTON
ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
Date 5/19/05